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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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S E C R E T BEIRUT 2244

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, LE

SUBJ: GRANGIE INSISTS ON "LEGALITY" IN ANY RESIGNATION

1. WE HAVE JUST HEARD THAT PRES FRANGIE HAS SENT WORD TO BRIG. GEN AZIZ AL-ADHAB THAT HE WILL RESIGN ONLY IF TWO-THIRDS OF THE PARLIAMENT SO VOTES. THIS MOVE APPARENTLY BASED ON CONCEPT OF "LEGALITY" OF HIS PRESIDENTIAL MANDATE. IT ALSO MAY RELATE TO FRANGIE'S 17-POINT PROCLAIMED FEB 14, ONE OF WHICH STIPULATED THAT HENCEFORTH "IMPORTANT QUESTIONS" SHOULD BE DECIDED IN PARLIAMENT BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE.

2. MEANWHILE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT KATAEB POLITBURO VOTED MORNING MARCH 12 TO SUPPORT AL-ADHAB. HOWEVER, KATAEB LEADER PIERRE GEMAYEL TOOK APPARENTLY CONTRADICTIONARY POSITION IN STATEMENT HE MADE SAME DAY AT PALACE SUPPORTING

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THE IDEA OF "LEGALITY" IN PRESIDENTIAL MANDATE AND GENER-

ALLY BACKING FRANGIE'S POSITION. SPLIT WITHIN KATAEB MAY  
BE OCCURRING OVER THE ISSUE.

3. PARLIAMENT SPEAKER KAMAL AL-ASSAD, A CONSERVATIVE  
SHIITE LEADER, HAS ALSO COME OUT IN FAVOR OF THE "LEGALITY"  
PRINCIPLE, I.E., GENEALLY BACKING FRANGIE'S STAND. HE  
PLANS TO CONFER WITH PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES. (HOWEVER,  
BRITISH EMBASSY SOURCE - PROTECT - TOLD US THAT  
AT DINNER PARTY NIGHT OF THE COUP AL-ASSAD SEEMED  
TO FAVOR FRANGIE'S REMOVAL).  
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